In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25.   (Canceled)

26.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method of delivering a multi-media message to a recipient <u>device</u> ~~of claim 25,~~ <u>the multi-media message being created by a sender and including a talking entity delivering a sender message,</u> the method ~~further~~ comprising:

<u>determining whether a recipient device has rendering software for delivering a video portion of the multi-media message;</u>

<u>if the recipient device does not have rendering software, streaming the multi-media message from a server such that a generic rendering software device will deliver the multi-media message;</u>

determining whether the recipient device has speech synthesis software associated with a voice requested by the sender;

if the recipient device does not have the speech synthesis software, synthesizing audio at the server and streaming the audio to the recipient jointly with the available rendering software;

if the recipient device does have the speech synthesis software and the requested voice is available, synthesizing the voice at the recipient device and delivering the voice jointly with the available rendering software; <u>and</u>

if there is speech synthesis software but ~~not~~ the requested voice <u>is not</u> available, synthesizing the voice at the recipient device and delivering the voice jointly with the available rendering software.

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27.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method of delivering a multi-media message to a recipient ~~of claim 25~~, the multi-media message being created by a sender and including a talking entity delivering a sender message, the method ~~further~~ comprising:

determining whether the recipient device has rendering software for delivering a video portion of the multi-media message;

if the recipient device does not have rendering software, streaming the multi-media message from a server such that a generic rendering software device will deliver the multi-media message;

determining whether the recipient device has speech synthesis software associated with a voice requested by the sender;

if the recipient device does not have the speech synthesis software, synthesizing audio at the server and streaming the audio to the recipient jointly with the available rendering software; and

if the recipient device does have the speech synthesis software and the requested voice is available, creating an intermediate representation of the voice at the server that the speech synthesis software uses to render the requested voice.

28.   (Currently Amended) The method of delivering a multi-media message to a recipient of claim 27, wherein if there is speech synthesis software but ~~not~~ the requested voice is not available, the method further comprises synthesizing the voice at a server and streaming the voice jointly with the video rendered from the available rendering software.

29-30. (Canceled)

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31. (new) A system for delivering a multi-media message to a recipient device, the
multi-media message being created by a sender and including a talking entity
delivering a sender message, the system comprising:

a module configured to determine whether a recipient device has rendering
software for delivering a video portion of the multi-media message;

a module configured to stream the multi-media message from a server such
that a generic rendering software device will deliver the multi-media message if the
recipient device does not have rendering software;

a module configured to determine whether the recipient device has speech
synthesis software associated with a voice requested by the sender;

a module configured to synthesize audio at the server and streaming the audio
to the recipient jointly with the available rendering software if the recipient device
does not have the speech synthesis software;

a module configured to synthesize the voice at the recipient device and
delivering the voice jointly with the available rendering software if the recipient
device does have the speech synthesis software and the requested voice is available;
and

a module configured to synthesize the voice at the recipient device and
delivering the voice jointly with the available rendering software if there is speech
synthesis software but the requested voice is not available.

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